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At the Court at St. James's, March 27, 1709.

PRESENT,

The Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THE Bailiffs, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Company of Silk-Weavers, *London*, and the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Company of Silk-Weavers in *Canterbury*, having, by their ſeveral Petitions to Her Majeſty in Council, humbly repreſented the deplorable Condition to which they are reduced, by reaſon of the General Mourning, for the continuance whereof no Time is limited in the Order publiſhed by the Earl-Marſhal; their Stock lying dead, and their Trade intirely at a ſtand, whereby they have been enforced to diſcharge great Numbers of the poor Workmen depending upon them, and ſhall be ſoon brought to a neceſſity of diſmiſſing all the reſt of them, and thereby many thouſand Perſons will be reduced to the moſt extream Want and Miſery, and the Silk-Manufacture in danger to be loſt to the Kingdom; they humbly beſought Her Majeſty to take the ſad Condition of the poor Manufacturers of Silk into Her Royal Conſideration. Her Majeſty having Compaſſion for ſo many Families who are likely to fall into Want, is graciouſly pleaſed hereby to declare, That She does not require or expect that any of Her Subjects (except only Her own Servants, and ſuch as have Acceſs to Her Royal Perſon) ſhould continue to obſerve the preſent Mourning.

William Blathwayt.

Weſtminſter, March 26. Her Majeſty having granted a Commiſſion under the Great Seal, Impowering the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treaſurer, the Lord Privy-Seal, and ſeveral other Lords, to paſs the Royal Aſſent to ſeveral Bills agreed to by both Houſes of Parliament; the Lords Commiſſioners ſent, on the 23d Inſtant, a Meſſage to the Houſe of Commons by Mr. *Aſton*, Deputy Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod; to deſire the Houſe to come up to the Houſe of Peers with their Speaker, to be preſent at the paſſing the ſaid Bills into Acts. The Speaker and the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Lords Commiſſioners paſſed the Royal Aſſent to the ſeveral Publick and Private Bills following, *viz.*

An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and falſe Muſters, and for the better payment of the Army and Quarters.

An Act for Explaining and making more Effectual that part of an Act paſſed in the Fifth Year of Her preſent Majeſty's Reign, concerning the Buying and Selling of Cattle in Smithfield, *and for giving leave for bringing up Calves dead to* London, *as formerly.*

An Act for Naturalizing foreign Proteſtants.

An Act for continuing an Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majeſty King William, Entituled, *An Act for the Repairing the Highways between* Wymondham *and* Attleborough *in the County of* Norfolk, *and for including therein the Road leading from* Wymondham *to* Hetherſet *over the Commons belonging to the ſaid Towns.*

An Act for Preſerving and Enlarging the Harbour of Whitehaven *in the County of* Cumberland.

An Act for Building a Church or Chappel in the Town of Mancheſter *in the County of* Lancaſter.

An Act to enable Anne Crew (*late* Offley.) *Widow, and* John Crew (*late* Offley.) *her Son and Heir Apparent, to change their Sirnames from* Offley *to* Crew, *according to the Settlement of* John Crew, *Eſq; deceaſed.*

An Act for veſting in Truſtees the Reverſion of ſeveral Lands and Tenements Expectant on Leaſes for Lives, the Eſtate of Hugh Stafford *of* Pynes *in the County of* Devon, *Eſq; to be ſold for Payment of Debts, and by diſcharging his Power of Leaſing to ſecure other Lands to come into Poſſeſſion of his Son in lieu thereof.*

An Act to enable William Collins, *Clerk,* Thomas Parrat, *and* William Day, *Gentlemen, to diſpoſe of certain Lands for the Payment of the Debts of* John Granger, *and for making a Proviſion for the Widow and younger Children of* Nicholas Granger, *his late Father, deceaſed.*

An Act for further enabling George Penne, *Eſq; to ſell Lands for payment of his Debts, by enlarging a Truſt for that purpoſe contained in a former Act, Entituled, An Act for enabling* George Penne, *Eſq; to ſell Lands for the payment of his Debts, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act for Naturalizing of Lewis de Roſſet, Peter Brozet *and others.*

Milan, March 16. *N. S.* The utmoſt Diligence is ſtill uſed here to raiſe our Recruits, and it is reſolved to add a new Regiment, which ſhall conſiſt of Men drawn out of the Regiments of Barbo, Cicogna and Rome, for the Service of King Charles in Catalonia. The Forces which have been lifted in this Town and ſent to Final, are in a Readineſs to embark, which they will be commanded to do upon the Return of the Britiſh and Dutch Fleet from the Coaſt of Naples. The Marquis d'Eſte is arrived here from Barcelona, in order to raiſe a Regiment within this Dutchy, for which he has a Commiſſion from King Charles. The Baron Martini, Commiſſary-General of his Imperial Majeſty, is very ſuddenly expected here. The Marquis de Lofrano is on his way hither from the Court of Vienna. He has already ordered Poſſeſſion to be taken of all Places under his Direction as Poſt-Maſter General of this State; but all who are at preſent in theſe Employments have preſented a Memorial to the Council, wherein they complain of that Order. Letters from Florence ſay, that the Grand-Duke had nominated five Perſons of the firſt Quality to compliment the King of Denmark upon his Arrival at Florence, and to attend his Majeſty during his Stay there. Theſe Letters add, that the Marriage between the Cardinal de Medicis, and the ſecond Daughter of the Duke of Guaſtalla, is ſtill deferred, by reaſon of ſome Difficulties which are not yet adjuſted. They from Leghorn, that four Britiſh Men of War were arrived there which belonged to the Squadron commanded by Admiral Byng, now lying at Port-Mahon. The Queen Anne was alſo come in thither, and brought in a French Tartan loaden with Coffee, which ſhe had taken in her Return from Alexandria. The Mareſchal de Theſſe, and the Marquis de Menteleone, Miniſter of the Duke of Anjou, have made a Stop at Leghorn, 'till the Return of a Courier from the Court of France. There are Advices from Orbitello, which ſay, the Garriſons of Porto Ercole, and Porto Longone, are now ſo cloſely blocked up, that the Spaniſh Governors have offered to ſurrender upon certain Conditions to the Imperialiſts; but that the commanding Officer of the Germans had returned anſwer, that he could give them no other Terms, than receiving them as Priſoners of War. General Viſconti has paſſed through this Place on his way from Vienna, to the Court of Turin, in order to confer with his Royal Highneſs upon the Diſpoſition of his Troops for the Service of the enſuing Campaign.

Hague, March 29. *N. S.* The Deputies of Leige, who have been here for ſome time, are returned. Letters from Flanders ſay, that Mareſchal Villars had b[illegible]ght

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